

WDCTA Southwest Chapter Meeting Minutes

For Regular Business Meeting
UW Veterinary School, Madison

The program focused on the USEF Young Horse Dressage Program for 4-, 5- and 6-year-old horses. The program promotes the importance of selective breeding and correct training of horses in the United States, and encourages participation of breeders, riders and trainers of young horses in dressage competition. The program encourages the properly structured development of young dressage prospects through the training scale; identifies and recognizes outstanding talent and the training of international-caliber horses; and prepares these horses for future careers at the FEI level and participation on U.S. High Performance teams.

The meeting featured a first-hand account of participating in the program by chapter members Pam Doolittle, Shelly Reichart, and Caryn Vesperman of showing at Young Horse competitions. In addition, Megan McIsaac discussed her experiences at the Young Horse Trainers Symposium with Hassler Dressage in Maryland. We viewed tapes of rides and heard judges' comments about the rides and looked at copies of the actual tests, which unlike the tests most of us are familiar with, only score the horse for the three individual gaits--walk, trot and canter---plus submissiveness and general impression. A lot of good questions and interest came from the membership.

Date: Jan. 15, 2011

The meeting was called to order at 2:10 p.m. by president Donna Thomas. Pam Doolittle moved and Stephanie Severn seconded to approved the agenda.

Attendees:

Holly Beach, Diane Brault, Elaine Burkhart, Ruth Crennell, Pam Doolittle, Pat Fitzgerald, Sue Genin, Mary Hanneman, Deann Howard, Shannon Langer, Megan McIssac, Karen McKean, Jenni Poole, Anne Readell, Shelly Reichart, Sheri Reichart, Judy Schewmake, Stephanie Severn, Chet Thomas, Donna Thomas, Caryn Vesperman.

Secretary's Report:

Will be reviewed and approved at the February chapter meeting.

Treasurer's Report:

Checking: \$4,314.03; money market accounts: \$10,995.50; savings memberships: \$10.00; 12-month CD: \$2,566.81; 24-month CD: \$2,576.94. Expenses for November through December totaled \$288.79 which included money toward the GMO basket for the USDF annual meeting, office supplies, airfare changes for the December Maryal Barnett clinic that was cancelled, and the ham for our December chapter holiday gathering.

Old Business:

State Board Update: Pam Doolittle, state board president, talked about the uptick in memberships including business memberships, the USDF conference she attended as our GMO representative, and urged people to attend the WDCTA annual conference and awards banquet and donate items to the conference's silent auction.

Steffen Peters and Janet Foy Symposium: Mary Hanneman updated the chapter on the latest news from the organizing committee. The facility has been confirmed: Sunflower Farms in Bristol, WI. Prices

have been set for auditors and riders and an outline of our sponsorship opportunities and promotional tactics are in place.

Chapter Policies: Donna reminded chapter members that they are reimbursed \$5 for purchasing safety-approved helmets and \$15 for safety vests. Submit your receipt to the treasurer. NOTE: This will be retroactive for 2010 with a receipt. For 2011, please submit your receipt within six months of purchase.

New Business:

2011 Chapter Plans and Budget: Donna presented our budget for 2011. Diane Brault made a motion and Jenni Poole seconded to accept the plans and budget. Passed unanimously. With the plans for the chapter activities (programs for monthly meetings, clinics, symposium, administration and costs such as mileage reimbursement for attending state board meetings, next year's USDF gift basket), we are conservatively estimating a cost of \$980 for our programs for 2011. We are being conservative in our estimates for profits for our events such as the Steffen Peters/Janet Foy symposium and the Maryal Barnett and Janet Foy clinics,

Announcements:

- Next chapter meeting is Saturday, Mar. 19 in Madison, after the Maryal Barnett new tests seminar.
- Reminder to send in your registration for the WDCTA annual conference and awards banquet featuring the WDCTA interpretation of the training scale and JJ Tate.
- Remember to watch the dates for the opening date of our Maryal Barnett and Janet Foy clinics. They must be posted no earlier than the opening date. Coming first is the March Maryal clinic.
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The meeting adjourned at 3:05 p.m.

Submitted by Caryn Vesperman, SW Chapter secretary